

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended) In a commercially available product including a batting of a type having opposing faces and a softness and flexibility and configured for use in the formation of a quilt, the quilt having at least one cover to be attached to the batting, the improvement comprising:

a composite member having a size for making a quilt and formed of the batting and an adhesive material as an article of manufacture;

wherein the batting consists essentially of cotton, polyester, or cotton-polyester; and

wherein the adhesive material is water soluble and effective to provide a bond to secure the cover to the batting during formation of the quilt so that the bond is removable after formation of the quilt by washing the quilt.

2. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is an activatable adhesive.

3. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is configured for at least temporarily attaching the cover to the batting.

4. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the batting consists of a cotton material, a polyester material, or a cotton and polyester material.

5. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is applied upon at least one of the opposing faces of the batting.

6. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is configured to be selectively activated when applying the cover for attachment to the batting.

7. (Original) The product of Claim 2 wherein the activatable adhesive is an inactive adhesive configured to be selectively activated.

8. (Original) The product of Claim 2 wherein the activatable adhesive is selectively activated by heating.
9. (Original) The product of Claim 8 wherein heating is provided by an iron.
10. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a thin layer of adhesive.
11. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is applied by spraying the adhesive.
12. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is applied to substantially all of an interface between the at least one cover and the batting.
13. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material provides an interface for attachment of the cover.
14. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the composite member is mass-produced.
15. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is selectively applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a pattern.
16. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material is randomly applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting.
17. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 1 wherein the bond formed by the adhesive material is removable by machine washing treatment.
18. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the adhesive material allows for the batting to maintain softness and flexibility.
19. (Original) The product of Claim 1 wherein the commercially available product provides instructions for application of heat when attaching the cover to the batting.

20. (Currently Amended) In a commercially available product including a batting of a type having opposing faces and a softness and a flexibility and configured for use in the formation of a quilt, the quilt having at least one cover to be attached to the batting, the improvement comprising:

a composite member provided in at least one desirable size for quilting and formed of the batting and an adhesive material as an article of manufacture;

wherein the batting consists of fibers;

wherein the adhesive material ~~comprises a water soluble material~~ is configured to form a bond at the opposing faces of the batting; and

instructions for securing the cover to the batting;

so that a cover can be secured to the batting with the bond formed by the adhesive material before the cover is attached to the batting by spaced apart connectors and the bond can be removed by washing the quilt after the cover is attached to the batting with the connectors.

21. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is an activatable adhesive configured to be activated to attach the cover to the batting.

22. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to the batting for at least temporarily securing the cover to the batting.

23. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to the cover for at least temporarily attaching the cover to the batting.

24. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting.

25. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is configured to be selectively activated when applying the cover for attachment to the batting.

26. (Original) The product of Claim 21 wherein the activatable adhesive is an inactive adhesive configured to be selectively activated.

27. (Original) The product of Claim 21 wherein the activatable adhesive is selectively activated by heating.
28. (Original) The product of Claim 27 wherein the heating is provided by an iron.
29. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a thin layer of adhesive.
30. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to the batting as a water soluble material.
31. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to substantially all of an interface between the at least one cover and the batting.
32. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied to substantially all of an interface between the at least one cover and the batting.
33. (Original) The product of Claim 21 wherein the activatable adhesive is selectively applied to a region of the batting.
34. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is selectively applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a pattern.
35. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material is applied by spraying to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting.
36. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 20 wherein the bond formed by the adhesive material is removable by a hand washing treatment.
37. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the adhesive material allows for the batting to maintain softness and flexibility.
38. (Original) The product of Claim 20 wherein the fibers comprise a cotton material or a polyester material.

39. (Original) The product of Claim 21 wherein the commercially available product provides instructions for application of heat when attaching the cover to the batting.

40. (Currently Amended) In a commercially available product of a type having a batting with opposing faces and a softness and flexibility and configured for use in the formation of a quilt, the quilt having at least one cover to be securably attached to the batting, the improvement comprising:

a composite member sold in at least one desirable size for making a quilt and formed of the batting and an adhesive material as an article of manufacture;

wherein the batting consists of a fibrous material;

wherein the adhesive material ~~comprises a water-soluble material and~~ is effective to form a removable bond at the opposing faces of the batting;

so that the quilt may be formed by at least temporary attachment of the cover to the batting by the bond and the bond is removable by washing the quilt after formation of the quilt.

41. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is an activatable adhesive to provide attachment of the batting at an interface with the cover.

42. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is applied to the batting.

43. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is a non-woven adhesive material.

44. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 40 wherein the ~~batting has opposing faces and the~~ adhesive material is applied to at least one of the opposing faces.

45. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is configured to be activated when applying the cover for attachment to the batting.

46. (Original) The product of Claim 41 wherein the adhesive material is an inactive adhesive configured to be selectively activated.

47. (Original) The product of Claim 41 wherein the activatable adhesive is selectively activated by heating.

48. (Original) The product of Claim 47 wherein the heating is provided by an iron.

49. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a thin layer of adhesive.

50. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is applied to the batting by spraying.

51. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is applied to substantially all of an interface between the cover and the batting.

52. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material provides an interface for attachment of the cover.

53. (Original) The product of Claim 41 wherein the activatable adhesive is selectively applied to a region of the batting.

54. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is selectively applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting as a pattern.

55. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material is randomly applied to at least one of the opposing faces of the batting.

56. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 40 wherein the bond formed by the adhesive material is removable by hand washing ~~a treatment~~.

57. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 56 wherein the ~~treatment is by~~ bond formed by the adhesive material is removable by machine washing.

58. (Currently Amended) The product of Claim 40 wherein the ~~adhesive wherein~~ the composite member is needle-punched.

59. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material allows for the batting to maintain softness and flexibility.

60. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the adhesive material may remain a part of the quilt.

61. (Original) The product of Claim 40 further comprising instructions with the batting.

62. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the composite member of the batting with adhesive is mass-produced.

63. (Original) The product of Claim 40 further comprising instructions for application of heat when attaching the cover to the batting.

64. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the batting is a thick material.

65. (Original) The product of Claim 40 wherein the batting comprises at least one of cotton or polyester.

66. (New) In a commercially available product of a type having a batting with opposing faces and a softness and flexibility configured for use in the formation of a quilt, the quilt having at least one cover to be securably attached to the batting, the improvement comprising:

a composite member sold in at least one desirable size for making a quilt and formed of the batting and a non-woven adhesive material as an article of manufacture;

wherein the batting consists of a fibrous material;

wherein the non-woven adhesive material comprises a water-soluble material and is effective to form a removable bond at the opposing faces of the batting;

so that the quilt may be formed by at least temporary attachment of the cover to the batting by the bond and the bond is removable after formation of the quilt.

67. (New) The product of Claim 66 wherein the non-woven adhesive material comprises an activatable adhesive to provide attachment of the batting at an interface with the cover.

68. (New) The product of Claim 67 wherein the non-woven adhesive material is activatable by an application of heat.

69. (New) The product of Claim 40 wherein the non-woven adhesive material is applied to the batting.

70 (New) The product of Claim 40 wherein the bond is removable by washing the quilt.